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1. [REDACTED] the students had gas drill (donning the gas mask) each morning. The drill was five to ten minutes duration. The maximum time allowance to put on the mask was 15 seconds and the average about eight seconds. Each officer and NCO had a gas mask. The mask [described in detail] [REDACTED] was supposed to be good for four hours of use against respiratory gases.
 2. The NCO students of the School were shown protective clothing. The oil-skin protective suit is shown [REDACTED] the boots [REDACTED] and the protective cape in [REDACTED] Only one set of the protective clothing was available for instructional purposes. I do not know the material or composition of the protective clothing. I have no knowledge of decontamination equipment and incendiaries.
 3. An underground gas chamber, about three meters square, built of logs with several canvas curtains as entrances, was located about two kilometers from Neustrelitz. This chamber accommodated three men at a time and was used for gas drills. Troops entered the chamber with their mask on, a Chemical Corps NCO tested the hose of the mask by twisting it, and then sent the men out again. The test required about 60 seconds and the men in the chamber held their breath for about 45 seconds. I went to the chamber once a year and remember that respiratory gas was used but not tear gas. My CW training was at the NCO School.
 4. All chemical training was defensive. I can recall that mustard, lewisite, phosgene, and tear gases were used in training, but I cannot remember the

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odor, persistency, or chemical composition of these gases. I know of no other gases in use by the Soviet Army.

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6. Our chemical warfare instructors told us that the USA has means of biological warfare, and will use these in a new war. I had no training and can give no information about radiological or bacteriological warfare.
7. I have no information about guided missiles launching stations, radar jamming or AA fire control stations; infra-red sighting devices; nor any countermeasures developed by the Soviets against surface-to-air guided missiles or against shaped charge projectiles.

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